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COUNTRY Bulgaria

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**INFO.**

**SUBJECT** Soviet Troop Movements

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## ORIGIN

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1. Approximately in the middle of September a commission from the Municipality of Razgrad, accompanied by Soviet officers, visited all residential quarters in the town and inspected premises, calculating the number of officers and men who could be accommodated in any particular building.
2. In addition, certain barracks are also being prepared (allegedly as winter quarters) for large Soviet units. For example, the Bulgarian 3rd Anti-tank Regiment is preparing to leave Razgrad and move to Popovo. The garage buildings at the barracks of this regiment are being enlarged, and it is said that a Soviet Tank Regiment is to occupy the barracks. Part of the barracks of the Bulgarian 19th Infantry Regiment and certain schools are also being prepared for occupation.
3. The Soviets are building fortifications near Kotel, Botevgrad, and north and northwest of Karlovo, all of which are in the region of the Middle Balkan Range. It is believed that this work is to be extended and that the fortifications will be of a permanent nature.
4. The number of Soviet troops at Karlovo decreased in September, although there were still many trucks which were engaged in transporting loads to Kalofer and Kazanlik.
5. There is a Soviet Motorized Brigade at Kazanlik. On 25 September 1946 about 150 new Soviet officers and NCO's arrived at this town.

The following information was received from a [REDACTED] on trial in the area in question:

6. In Russe there has recently been a Soviet general (with one star) whose HQ are located in the building next to the Law Court. A special telephone exchange has been set up in the building, and a w/t aerial erected.

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7. Units recently in Russe and its outskirts include:
- a. One Naval Brigade - about 500 sailors under the command of a commander.
  - b. One Transport Brigade - about 100-120 trucks and 15-20 light cars in the town and a number of trucks outside the town.
  - c. One Anti-tank Brigade - in the outskirts of the town.
8. On approximately 15 September the Soviet military authorities are said to have warned the local population, through the Bulgarian authorities, that all vegetables and fruit must be gathered in from orchards and vineyards along the roads, as within the next few days large Soviet forces were due to pass along these roads on foot. It was later reported that on about 20 September similar instructions were given to the population in the region of Lom and Vidin.
9. On the outskirts of Kirdzhali and in the direction of Momchilgrad the Soviets have established numerous secret ammunition dumps. Large quantities of ammunition were brought to these dumps from Haskovo during the month of September.

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